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Tennessee Valley Healthcare System technologist to be recognized for bravery

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Tennessee Valley Healthcare System (TVHS) medical technologist, Ms. Minerva Rosa-Gonzalez, will be recognized for bravery in a ceremony at 9:00 a.m. in the Executive Conference Room at the Nashville VA Medical Center Monday, November 20.

On September 24th, tragedy struck when an armed man stormed Burnette Chapel Church of Christ, leaving seven people injured by gunshots in the edifice and one person mortally wounded in the church parking lot. Among the more severely wounded was the church's pastor. Amidst the panic and confusion, Ms. Rosa-Gonzalez used her body to apply pressure to his wounds to stop the bleeding, perhaps saving his life, and making it easier for first responders to provide lifesaving care upon their arrival.

Tennessee Department of Veterans Affairs Commissioner, Many-Bears Grinder, will present certificates of appreciation on behalf of the Tennessee Department of Veterans Affairs and Governor Bill Haslam. Cynthia Breyfogle, VA Veterans Integrated Service Network 9 Director, will make presentations on behalf of Veterans Health Administration Executive in Charge Carolyn Clancy, VA Chief of Staff Vivieca Wright Simpson, and Secretary of Veterans Affairs Dr. David Shulkin.

Media are invited to attend the brief ceremony and should contact TVHS public affairs to arrange access to the event.

TVHS is an integrated tertiary health care system comprised of two hospitals, the Alvin C. York Campus in Murfreesboro and the Nashville Campus, as well as more than a dozen community-based outpatient clinics located in Tennessee and Kentucky. TVHS provides ambulatory care, primary care, and secondary care in acute medicine and surgery, specialized tertiary care, transplant services, spinal cord injury outpatient care, and a full range of extended care and mental health services.

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